

CEFA of Rs. 581.78 lakh. This included the component for development of the airport for an amount of Rs. 55.78 lakh.

and (e) Development and promotion of tourism in the country is a continuous process. From the Tenth Five Year Plan the Ministry of Tourism has been providing central financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations on the basis of project proposals prioritised in consultation with them every year under the following schemes including eco-tourism projects:

- (1) Development of Tourist Circuits
- (2) Product Infrastructure & Destination Development
- (3) Large Revenue Generating Projects
- (4) Fairs & Festivals

During the Tenth Plan period (till date), the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned projects worth Rs. 161643.32 lakh for integrated development of tourism in the country, which also includes projects for Eco-Tourism development. This would provide impetus to sustainable tourism development in the country.

The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned funds for the States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Orissa during the 10th Plan period (till date) which includes the projects for development of Eco-Tourism also:

(Rs. in lakhs)		
Sl. No.	Name of the State	Total amount sanctioned during the 10th Plan
1.	Bihar	6617.57
2.	Chhattisgarh	5883.11
3.	Jharkhand	3324.09
4.	Orissa	5568.75

Upgradation of Patna Airport

†*388. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to upgrade the Jai Prakash Narayan Airport at Patna in Bihar into an international airport;

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(b) if so, the details thereof and by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Jai Prakash Narain International Airport at Patna has already been declared as Custom airport where limited International operations are permitted. It is one of the 35 Non-Metro Airports taken up for comprehensive development.

Production and smuggling of narcotics

†*389. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United States of America has included India also in the list of countries engaged in production and smuggling of narcotics;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have lodged its protest with the U.S. Government in the said matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The US domestic law [Section 706 (1) of the Foreign Relations Authorisation Act] requires the US President to identify countries as 'major drug transit or major illicit drug producing countries', referred to as the "Majors List". India has been included in this list. The US President is also required under Section 706 (2) (A) of the Act to identify any country on the 'Majors list' that "Failed demonstrably" during the previous 12 months to adhere to international counter narcotics agreements or to take counter narcotics measures set forth in US law. India has not been listed as a country that has "failed demonstrably".

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